

Appendix L:

Cost Recovery Mechanism





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RE: *Telecommunications for the Communications Impaired Act (W.S. 16-9-201 through 16-9-210)*. Notification from the Committee on Telecommunications for the Communications Impaired of the decision to maintain the monthly access line special fee at three cents (\$0.03).

Dear Mr. Petrie:

Based upon the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Wyoming Telecommunications Relay Service information concerning current monthly collections and expenditures, the current reserve balance, and projected usage and cost trends, the Telecommunications Relay Service Advisory Committee voted on September 12, 2011, to maintain the per access line surcharge at three cents (\$0.03) per month. The primary reason for maintaining the current surcharge is insufficient revenue and expenditure data to predict future cost trends.

Since the 2010 report, the reserve balance has decreased by \$181,969.31. Projecting revenue and expenditures for 2012 is problematic. The surcharge was originally scheduled to decrease from six cents (\$.06) to three cents (\$.03) January 1, 2011. The Public Service Commission changed the implementation date to February 1, 2011. However, many carriers continued to remit at the incorrect rate or remit at the correct rate but submit paperwork with the wrong rate. When this occurred, all remittance and paperwork were returned to the carrier to be corrected and resubmitted. It has only been in the last couple of months that all the carriers are remitting at the correct rate with the correct paperwork.

As a result of a competitive procurement process, the Contract for relay service switched from Hamilton Telecommunications to Sprint Communications Company on August 1, 2011. With the change in provider, the cost of telecommunications relay service increased from \$0.93/session minute to \$0.99/session minute. The unit of measurement for captioned telephone service changed from a conversation minute to a session minute and the rate increased from \$1.45/conversation minute to \$1.59/session minute. The end result will be an increase in expenditures but it is too early to accurately predict the magnitude of the increase.



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With the goal of drawing down the cash reserve but being cognizant of the uncertainty in revenues and the expected increase in expenditures, the Committee felt the most prudent course of action was to maintain the current surcharge at three cents (\$.03) per access line per month for 2012. The Committee anticipates that by Fall of 2012, expenditures and revenues will have stabilized and enough historical data will exist to better determine the necessity of changing the surcharge.

Enclosed please find a copy of the 2011 REPORT to the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



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Administrator
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation



Patricia McCabe
Chairperson
Telecommunications Relay Service
Advisory Committee

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Enclosures

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PSC No. 11-160

January 7, 2011

To: Affected Wyoming Communications Service Providers

On November 5, 2010, the Public Service Commission received written notice from the Wyoming Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Wyoming Telecommunications Relay Service Advisory Committee that the special per access line surcharge described in W.S. § 16-9-209(a) will be \$0.03 per month, effective on and after January 1, 2011, and continuing throughout 2011.

Under W.S. § 16-9-209(b), when the Public Service Commission receives this notice, it "... shall provide for the inclusion and identification of the special fee on each monthly billing for service provided from each local exchange company and radio communications service provider."

Pursuant to due notice, the Public Service Commission considered the written notice of the Committee at its regular open meeting of January 6, 2011, and directed that all local exchange companies and radio communication service providers, as defined in W.S. §§ 16-9-201 through 16-9-210 shall include and clearly identify the three-cent (\$0.03) Wyoming Relay surcharge on customers' bills from and after January 1, 2011, in accordance with provisions of the Act effective immediately.

Sincerely,

Alan B. Minier
Chairman

Steve Oxley
Deputy Chairman

Kathleen A. "Cindy" Lewis
Commissioner

cc: Wyoming Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

State of Wyoming
Telecommunications for the Communications Impaired Act
Wyoming Relay Service Fund Special Fee Remittance

Telephone Company: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Co.'s Special Fee Remittance Contact's Name/Title: _____

Telephone Co.'s Special Fee Remittance Contact's Telephone #: _____

Telephone Co.'s Special Fee Remittance Contact's Email Address: _____

Communities Served: _____

Report for Month Ending: _____

Total number of access lines subject to special fee: _____
x \$ 0.03

TOTAL: \$ _____

Less: Uncollectible Amounts (if any), Adjustments: \$ _____

Subtotal: \$ _____

Less: 1% Administrative Fee if authorized (subtract 1% of above subtotal) \$ _____

TOTAL REMITTANCE DUE AND ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Preparer's Name, Title, Address, and Phone Number:

Signature of Preparer

Date

The number of local exchange access lines is calculated and billable on a monthly basis. The proceeds from the special fee shall be remitted to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation monthly and no later than thirty days after the end of the month in which they were collected.

This form shall be completed and mailed, along with your check, to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Workforce Services, 1100 Herschler Building, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Make the check payable to the Wyoming State Treasurer. The State of Wyoming Tax Identification Number is 83-0208667.

FOR TREASURER'S USE ONLY:

Check No. _____

Date Posted: _____

Date Deposited: _____

State of Wyoming
Telecommunications for the Communications Impaired Act
Wyoming Relay Service Fund Annual Remittance Report

Telephone Company: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Co.'s Special Fee Remittance Contact's Name/Title: _____

Telephone Co.'s Special Fee Remittance Contact's Telephone #: _____

Telephone Co.'s Special Fee Remittance Contact's Email Address: _____

Communities Served: _____

Report for Year of: January 1, _____ to December 31, _____

MONTH	# OF ACCESS LINES	AT RATE OF:	UNCOLLECTIBLE AMOUNTS / 1% ADMINISTRATIVE FEE	AMOUNT REMITTED TO STATE OF WY
January				
February				
March				
April				
May				
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				
TOTAL ANNUAL REMITTANCE TO THE STATE OF WY:				

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Preparer's Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

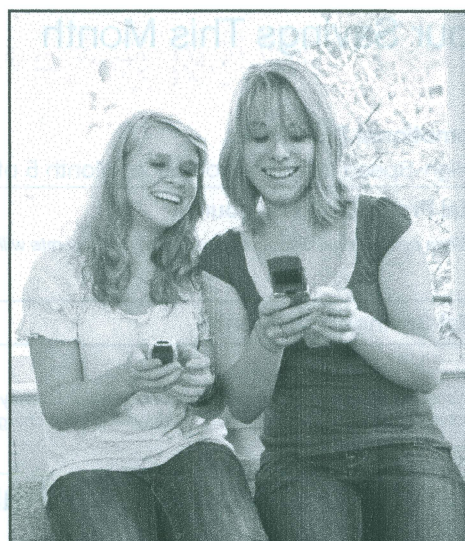
Email Address: _____

This annual report is required by the State of Wyoming, Department of Workforce Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in order to monitor special collection fees.

Details of Your Internet and Home Phone Charges

(cont.)

Local Phone Service	
Federal Universal Service Fund Credit	- 15.14
Related Monthly Charges Total	\$17.24
Taxes, Fees & Surcharges	
Local Phone Service	
Federal Excise at 3%	1.27
State Sales at .8%	.26
County Sales at .2%	.07
Wyoming Universal Service Fund at 1.2%	.59
Federal Universal Serv Fund at 17.4%	1.13
Telecommunication Relay Service Fund at \$0.03 per access line	.03
Taxes, Fees & Surcharges Total	\$3.35
Total Internet and Home Phone Charges	\$63.64



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